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Who are we inspecting?

SENATOR SCHMIT: We are inspecting the petroleum meters, primarily, the meters at the gasoline stations.

SENATOR CARPENTER: You mean we don't trust them.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's about right. I don't think it is that, Senator Carpenter. It provides for a system of inspections for those...for those stations.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, now, who are you going to check in the petroleum end? I have some background on that. Who are you going to check? What meters are you going to check.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We are going to check the gasoline pumps, Senator.

SENATOR CARPENTER: At the station.

SENATOR SCHMIT: At the stations.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What about the bulk plants?

SENATOR SCHMIT: It provides for inspection of the bulk plants, also, and the trucks, the delivery trucks.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And that is all it is going to do, is inspect the gasoline industry.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right. Now, it, also, includes the scales, as the police inspection at the scales, but the metering devices, I believe and I think, Senator, that the gasoline pumps are on a different inspection bases, also. They are on a spot-check bases.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Of course, they do inspect gasoline pumps at every station at least once or twice a year and then they seal them up with an identification tape so they can't be changed unless you break the identifications then checked. Now, this one hundred and fifty...I don't want to be obnoxious. I just want to know what they are spending \$150,000 more for that they are not now doing.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Why don't you let Senator Duis answer you on that.

SENATOR CARPENTER: OK.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Maybe I can help explain this. The bill we passed a year ago on weights and measures which took in the Federal Weights and Measures Act and they gave us some money, apparently. The Department of Agriculture then got some Rules and Regulations together which amounted to only one thing and that's charging these people more for inspecting their scales and their meters, and, consequently, they were getting all of their revenue from these particular people and at that particular time these electric meters and gas meters were not included, even in the old law. So, we are not doing anything different with them, actually. What happened is this particular situation, this one hundred and some thousand dollars you are talking about is taken from the General Fund so that they could reduce the amount they are charging these people for the inspection. In other words, they were holding people up real good for the inspection of the scale and they were calling it, Consumer Act.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, I ask you a further question. Have these in this bill, this inspection being done by the Department?